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JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURISTIC COMBAT AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have agreed to build a futuristic combat aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the joint production of futuristic combat aircraft will be started;

(d) whether there is any proposal to export these aircraft to third world friendly countries in the near future;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government had signed similar agreement with Russia for production of fifth generation combat aircraft a few years back;

(g) the status of said agreement;

(h) the salient features of the fifth generation aircraft; and

(i) the extent to which defence capabilities of the Air Force would be enhanced?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJEET SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) has been signed on 18th October, 2007 between the Indian and Russian Government for co-operation in development and production of Prospective Multi-role Fighter (PMF), a fifth generation fighter aircraft.

(c) to (e): These details will be known only after preparation of detailed project report.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

(h) The salient features are: Stealth Technology, Super Maneuverability/Super Cruise, Smart weapons, Network Centric Warfare etc.

(i) Defence capability will be adequately enhanced.